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CARRY TRADE PLEAS ON MARYLAND TRIP

Retail Merchants Boost Capital
 on Jant Through
 Three Counties.

MUCH INTEREST IS CREATED

If the amount of parcel post traffic between Washington and the counties of Prince Georges, Charles and St. Marys should suddenly increase greatly, if a line of delivery cars between the National Capital and the towns in those counties be arranged, and if the number of visitors to the District from those points increases materially in the near future, the business men "boosters" who made an automobile tour yesterday in those counties will be given full credit. Washington was advertised and boosted to the highest degree yesterday under the auspices of the Retail Merchants' Association.

Thousands of handbills and papers describing the excellent trade opportunities presented by the District were distributed; leading business men of the city had "heart-to-heart" talks with business men of Maryland, and souvenirs were widely distributed to give the inhabitants something by which to remember the slogan, "Buy in and boost for Washington." A band which was taken with the boosters seemed to attract all, but brought particular delight to the hearts of the youngsters—future business men and purchasers of Maryland.

More Than Boosting Trip.

The trip yesterday was more than a boosting trip, however. It was a trip in which the business men of Washington who were on the outing found one of the best opportunities they could have for developing the feeling of good-fellowship which already seems to exist between them. No small portion of the trip was devoted to the development of social intercourse.

From the time the boosters left Washington yesterday morning until the party disbanded following dinner at Leonardtown not a dull minute existed. If there wasn't "something doing" in the town before the boosters struck it they left it in a spirit of liveliness.

A resident of one of the towns was overheard to remark to one of his neighbors as the boosters were stirring up things in the interest of Washington business, that "our town is growing more and more like New York every day."

The band was used as the signal to notify such inhabitants of the various towns who were not already out when the score of automobiles arrived, that Washington boosters had arrived. Then, while the residents were enjoying the free concert, the business men distributed yard sticks, buttonhooks, pencils, books and various other souvenirs, and also talked "business."

See Things of Interest.

The boosters themselves saw many things of interest. Every one seemed to enjoy the trip greatly. At Charlotte Hall Military Academy the boys were let out of school for the occasion and enthusiastically greeted the Washingtonians with school yells. A merry contest then followed as to which boy could collect the greatest number of souvenirs.

At Loveville a baby with a little American flag waved a greeting to the boosters. Brandywine was one of the few places en route where any of the bandmen were able to sit down while they played. Here one of the players found a seat—a chicken coop, filled with chickens and guinea fowls. The fowls seemed to enjoy the music, too, so every one was happy, and the musician kept his seat.

Welcome at Leonardtown.

Leonardtown, which was the largest of the towns visited, proved the climax of the trip. A large number of persons turned out to see the Washingtonians and Gen. L. Allison Wilmer welcomed the party to the town.

"I hope to see both trade and social intercourse develop between Washington and Maryland," he said. "All Marylanders are proud of the National Capital, and we greatly enjoy our visits there. I am certain trips like this one which you are making will do much to cement more firmly those ties of friendship and good fellowship which already exist."

Following the dinner at Leonardtown a dance was held, for which the band played. Here "Tip," a poodle dog belonging to Frank V. Killian, and which had made many friends en route, received even more attention.

Want Maryland Trade.

R. P. Andrews, president of the Retail Merchants' Association, spoke briefly following the dinner.

"Our association is short on resolutions and long on action," he said. "We may be wrong sometimes in what we do, but, thank goodness, we do things at any rate. The effects of this trip will not last only a day or a week—they will last for years. We want the trade of the people of Maryland, and we appreciate that which we get."

William Knowles Cooper, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who was one of a party from that institution to make the trip with the association's members, praised the trip and expressed the hope that friendships made during the day might grow.

Joseph Straubinger, first president of the Retail Merchants' Association, spoke briefly, congratulating the association on its steady progress. Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the organization, outlined briefly work which has been done recently and which is contemplated for the future.

Many who had planned to go on the trip were unable to go at the last minute. Others who had not been certain of attending found they would be able to do so.

Those Who Made Trip.

Those who went were Mr. Andrews, Howard S. Fisk, automobile editor of The Star, who acted as pilot; J. J. Bartram, J. Wirt Taylor, R. K. Smilie, Gus Brahler, C. Walter Hoover, William F. Gude, B. F. Craycroft, Walter Hawley, August Gumpert, David Foster, Ernest Johnson, George Ferguson, Joseph Berberich, Claude E. Rogers, A. H. Linsmeyer, Earl Leese, E. G. Hines, M. A. Leese, N. Warwick, C. J. Waters, R. G. Johnson, John Straubinger, Louis Levy, F. V. Killian, George W. Miller, William Brice, William E. Russell, Clifford L. Johnson, Charles E. Miner, George L. Goodwin, William Knowles Cooper, W. N. Henderson, H. V. Alexander, J. A. O'Leary, Philip A. Orme, Frank A. Woodruff, R. W. King, W. B. Frank, A. J. Rose, W. J. Cooper, G. A. Muddiman, H. B. Horner, Frederick A. Schuts, J. E. Ungey, James F. Ryan, Jr., James F. Ryan, Sr., John A. Myers, W. F. Redman and R. A. Jerald.

Death of Ex-Senator Crane's Mother.

News has been received here that Mrs. Louise Frances Crane, mother of former Senator W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, died at her home in Dalton, Mass., Friday, October 6, from causes incident to old age. Mrs. Crane, who was a native of Lee, Berkshire county, Mass., was eighty-six years of age, and since her marriage in 1840 had lived in the house in which she died. She was interested in many charities, and was identified with the Congregational Church of Dalton.

HANDBOOK CRUSADE HAS MET HANDICAP

Delay in Presentation of Cases
 in Court Cited by Maj.
 Pullman, Police Head.

FAVORS STIFF SENTENCES

Delay in the presentation of handbook cases in court have retarded the police crusade against this "most dishonest form of gambling," declared Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police, in his annual report, recently presented to the Commissioners.

"While the police department has no control over cases after an arrest is made," stated Maj. Pullman in the report, "naturally it is very much concerned in the prompt prosecution of cases, because only by bringing violators of the law to justice can there be affected any deterrent on this kind of violation of the code."

"The importance of work against handbook makers who persist in violations of the law in practically all communities of the United States is that all the chance are against any one but the bookmaker winning in this particular form of gambling, and the swindle is made complete in many

cases by the makers of handbooks 'welching' or refusing to pay debts when money is won."

Made 67 Arrests Last Year.

Concluding the report reads: "The latter part of the last fiscal year and during the fiscal year 1916 the police department and the Department of Justice agents made sixty-seven arrests of handbook makers. In only fifteen cases has evidence been presented to the grand jury and indictments secured. Only one of the large number of cases made has been ignored by the grand jury and one nolle prosequi entered. In five cases the men guilty of violation of law have received suspended sentences."

"It is believed that during the coming fiscal year it will be possible to get prompt prosecution after arrests have been made by the police department so that the community will receive a greater benefit from the handbook investigations, which are conducted by the bureau of investigation of the United States Department of Justice and the metropolitan police department in co-operation."

Two Raids Conducted.

Two raids conducted by the Department of Justice and the police department some months ago resulted in wholesale arrests being made, and it is those cases that are referred to by Maj. Pullman as being delayed in their presentation to the court. As stated in the report of the police chief, after the arrests are made and the persons arrested are held for the grand jury, police supervision over them ends.

The cases then are in the hands of the district attorney or one or more of his assistants, and not until they take action can they get before the grand jury or the court. There was a time when the handbook cases were tried in Police Court, where grand jury investi-

gation was not necessary, but a change was ordered by the prosecuting officer, and during recent months they have been taken before the grand jury and Criminal Court.

May Renew Their War.

It is highly probable that the Department of Justice and the police department soon will renew their war on the handbook men, it being stated that

many of them have been operating in this city without apparent molestation since the big raids were made. Maj. Pullman thinks a few severe sentences imposed on handbook offenders will have the effect of "running them cover," and perhaps be the means of saving money to benefit families that otherwise would find its way to the pockets of men who conduct what Maj. Pullman says perhaps is the most dishonest form of gambling.

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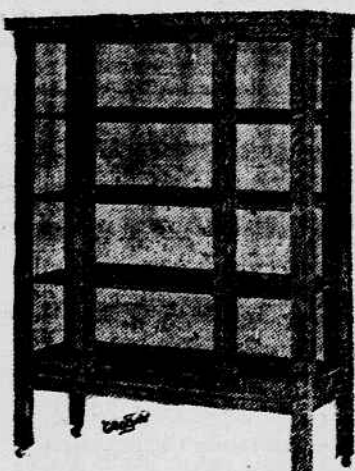
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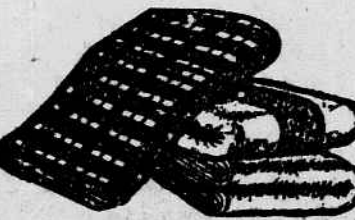


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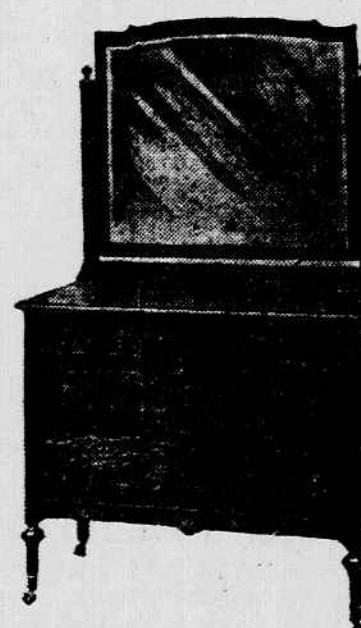
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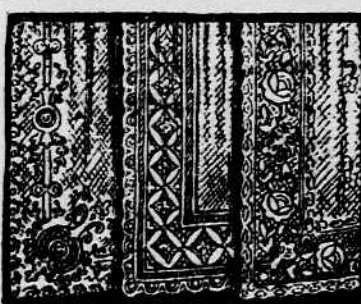
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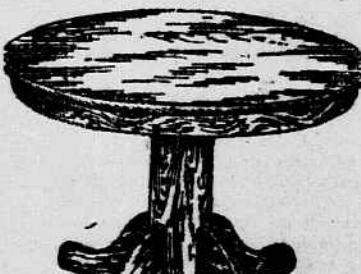
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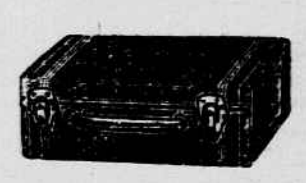
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